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SUBJ: NGA INTERNATIONAL AGENDA: EUROPEAN PLANNING TRIP

REF: STATE 166135

1. IN CONNECTION WITH PLANNED VISIT BY MESSRS. KELLOGG AND
BRIZIUS TO BRUSSELS JULY 19-21, EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE
CLARIFICATION OF TERM "RESEARCH, TECHNOLOGY AND MANAGEMENT
INFO EXCHANGE SYSTEMS" (PARA 3 REFTEL). DOES NATIONAL
GOVERNORS' ASSOCIATION (NGA) SEEK TO ESTABLISH DIRECT
LINKS WITH BELGIAN REGIONAL AND PROVINCIAL AUTHORITIES
ON CONTINUING BASIS? OR IS NGA INTERESTED MERELY IN
LEARNING OF RELATIONSHIP OF BELGIAN REGIONAL AND PROVIN-
CIAL AUTHORITIES WITH CENTRAL GOVERNMENT? REQUEST CONTAINED
IN PARA 3 ALSO REFERS ONLY TO PARA 1.A. OF REFTEL. DO
MESSRS. KELLOGG AND BRIZIUS PLAN TO COVER OTHER TOPICS
MENTIONED PARA 1.B. AND 1.C.? EMBASSY AND USEC ARE
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UNCERTAIN AS TO MEANING OF REQUEST CONTAINED PARA 3 TO
OBTAIN SUMMARY OF BELGIAN "EXISTING TECHNOLOGY EXCHANGE
SYSTEMS, ESPECIALLY WITHIN EC THAT INCLUDE PARTICIPATION
BY PROVINCES OR OTHER GOVERNMENTAL SUBUNITS." BY
"SYSTEM" DOES DEPARTMENT MEAN FORMAL STRUCTURE? REPRESENTATION
ON EC TECHNICAL COMMITTEES IS SUPPLIED BY
INDIVIDUAL MEMBER STATES. TECHNICAL INFORMATION IS

PROVIDED TO VARYING DEGREES BY NUMEROUS SOURCES WHICH MAY INCLUDE LOCAL REGIONAL AND PROVINCIAL AUTHORITIES WITH MOST USUAL CHANNEL BEING FROM THESE INTERESTS AND SOURCES TO EACH MEMBER COUNTRY'S NATIONAL REPRESENTATION.

2. WE WILL PROVIDE LIST OF POSSIBLE CONTACTS ONCE ABOVE QUESTIONS ARE CLARIFIED. WE NOTE THAT MOST GOVERNMENT MINISTRIES WILL BE OPERATING WITH SKELETON STAFFS DURING PERIOD OF VISIT AND IT IS LIKELY THAT MANY OFFICIALS WILL BE ABSENT OR UNAVAILABLE. PLEASE NOTE THAT JULY 21 IS OFFICIAL BELGIAN HOLIDAY AND GOVERNMENT MINISTRIES WILL BE CLOSED ON THAT DAY.

3. RESERVATION MADE AT HYATT REGENCY, 215, RUE ROYALE, TEL. 2194640 (COST BF 1300 APPROXIMATELY \$40 PER NIGHT PER PERSON). EMBASSY CONTACT IS MR. EDWARD KELLER, COMMERCIAL ATTACHE. IF VISITORS SEEK APPOINTMENT WITH EC COMMISSION ON TOPICS MENTIONED PARA 1.A. REFTEL, CONTACT IS MR. DAVID OLIVE, USEC. CHAMBERS

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